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OWNER AND BOOKKEEPER FOR GEOCORE DRILLING, INC SENTENCED ON IRS CHARGES

COLUMBUS, OHIO -- Chad Vincent Mullins, 43, of Cardington, Ohio and Julia K. Mullins, 43, of Cardington, Ohio were sentenced here today for committing violations against the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which involved their personal income tax returns and the corporate income tax returns of Geocore Drilling, Inc. ("Geocore").

Chad Mullins was sentenced to twelve months and one day in prison, three years of supervised release, was ordered to pay \$280,798.68 in restitution to the IRS, jointly and severally with Julia Mullins, and was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine for impeding and obstructing the lawful functions of the IRS.

Julia Mullins was sentenced to five years of probation and was ordered to pay \$280,798.68 in restitution to the IRS, jointly and severally with Chad Mullins for causing a false income tax form to be delivered to the IRS.

Previously, Chad and Julia Mullins pleaded guilty to the aforementioned charges on March 11, 2015.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Troy N. Stemen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office announced the sentences handed down today by U.S. District Judge Gregory L. Frost.

According to court documents, Chad Mullins is the owner and operator of Geocore, a seismic drilling company also located in Cardington, Ohio. His wife, Julia Mullins, kept and maintained the financial books and records of Geocore and was the primary point of contact with the income tax return preparers relative to the corporate and individual income tax returns.

For tax years 2006 through 2010, Chad Mullins and his wife conspired to fraudulently conceal income earned through Geocore by falsely claiming business expenses for funds which were diverted for their personal use. The false business expenses claimed on the corporate income tax returns reduced the taxable income of Geocore and the concealed funds were diverted to Chad Mullins and his wife. The diverted funds were not reported on their jointly filed individual income tax returns, therefore, fraudulently decreasing the personal income tax liabilities of the Mullins' and the corporate income tax liabilities of Geocore.

For tax years 2006 through 2010, Julia Mullins filed or assisted in the filing of Geocore's corporate income tax returns and her jointly filed individual income tax returns with the IRS, knowing these returns were fraudulent.

Specifically, Julia Mullins signed and filed Geocore's 2008 corporate income tax return with the IRS, which she knew substantially over-reported the corporation's business deductions.

Chad Mullins claimed over \$650,000 in false business expenses. In reality, the funds were used for personal expenditures such as a \$102,850 Walt Disney timeshare, a \$65,000 pleasure boat, a \$19,000 South African safari, as well as numerous family vacations to Europe, Mexico, Hawaii, voyages on cruise ships, and various resorts in the Rocky Mountains.

The combined total of tax due and owing for tax years 2006 through 2010 is \$280,798.68.

"Honest and law abiding citizens are fed up with the likes of those who use deceit and fraud to line their pockets with other people's money," said Troy N. Stemen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "Those individuals who engage in this type of financial fraud should know they will not go undetected and will be held accountable."

These cases were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel A. Brown and were investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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